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SUBJECT: ROMANIA AGREES WITH U.S. CONCERNS ABOUT U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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(C) On August 22, 2006, PolOff delivered Reftel Demarche to MFA Deputy Director for OSCE, Council of Europe and Human Rights Directorate Andreea Berechet. Ms. Berechet said that the GOR agreed with the United States position on the behavior of the UN Human Rights Council, noting that the Council,s early decisions had clearly been politicized by recent votes. She added that the "unbalanced" focus on Israel had called into question the Council,s credibility. Reflecting her portfolio handling Council of Europe matters, Ms. Berechet queried PolOff as to whether the USG would pursue this matter through the Council of Europe. She added that Romania diplomats would be emphasizing the need for the UN Human Rights Council to take a more even-handed approach. Taplin